

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**  
**ABSTRACT**

Health Medical and Family Welfare Department – National Health Mission- Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) – Child Health Screening and Early Intervention Services -Inclusion of Thalassemia and Sickle cell anaemia in the list of disorders for early intervention – Orders – Issued

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**HEALTH, MEDICAL AND FAMILY WELFARE (D2) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Rt.No.604**

**Dated 17.05.2014**

**Read the following:-**

1. Rc.No.371/JD(CHI)/2013 Dt.17.5.2014 of Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare
2. Operational Guidelines, RBSK, Early Child Screening and Early Intervention Services under NRHM, February 2013.

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**ORDER**

In the reference 1<sup>st</sup> read above the Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare has requested to issue necessary orders for inclusion of Thalassemia as 30<sup>th</sup> condition in the list of disorders for early detection and free treatment, as about 500 to 600 Thalassemia Children are born in Andhra Pradesh every year. If these children are not given treatment at an early age they cannot survive beyond 8 years of age. The Commissioner has further informed that there is a need to take care of at least 4000 children every year.

2. In the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> read above the Government of India has issued Operational Guidelines for Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK). The Child Health Screening and Early Intervention Services under National Health Mission envisage to cover 30 identified health conditions for early detection and free treatment and management. Based on the high prevalence of diseases like hypothyroidism, sickle cell anaemia and beta thalassemia in certain geographical pockets of some States/UTs, and availability of testing and specialized support facilities, these States and UTs may have to incorporate them as part of this initiative

3. The Government after careful examination of the matter hereby permit the Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare and Mission Director(AP), National Health Mission to include Thalassemia as the 30<sup>th</sup> condition identified for screening for early detection and free treatment and management under Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram. The Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare, the Mission Director (AP), National Health Mission shall take necessary action accordingly.

**AJAY SAWHNEY**  
**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.**

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The Mission Director (AP), National Health Mission  
The Director of Public Health and Family Welfare  
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